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Agency Wide

STRENGTHS

- New branding logo and marketing approach
- New mission statement
- Dedicated staff
- Commitment to R3 via workshop and coordinator hire
- Many potential partners in VA
- Strong outdoor culture and history

WEAKNESSES

- Lack of evaluation, measurable outcomes and strategy for R3 programs
- Lack of coordination and connection among divisions (agency silos)
- Customer tracking
- Lack of retention efforts (workshops, advanced trainings)
- Lack of programs offered to nontraditional audiences (women, Hispanic, urban, African-American, Millennial)
- Lack of public knowledge/awareness of DGIF's efforts
- Trial opportunities and family focused recruitment programs
- Lack of self-learning tools

OPPORTUNITIES

- Partnerships with NGOs, clubs, associations and other organizations
- Outreach to non-traditional audiences and untapped market
- New and improved marketing approach
- Making connections between "5 pillars"
- Customer tracking through Brandt and Kalkomey (event management)
- Evaluation of programs to better understand our customer
- Take advantage of new technology

- Aging customer base among all "5 pillars"
- High churn rate among hunting and fishing licenses
- 1 in 5 Virginians will be over 65 by 2030
- Access (hunting, fishing, shooting, WV)
- Declining interest in outdoor activities
- DGIF capacity to handle new programs and R3 plan
- Urbanization (More VA residents are moving to urban areas and away from outdoor access)
- Agency culture and no cohesion among certain "sides" of the agency

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STRENGTHS

- Wide range of species to hunt
- Apprentice license
- Hunting access is pretty decent (WMAs, private lands etc.)
- Sunday hunting on private lands

WEAKNESSES

- Lack of evaluation, measurable outcomes and strategy for R3 programs
- Declining number of customers (downward trend in VA and Nationally)
- Lack of intro programs for novice, nonhunters and youth (workshops, trial experiences)
- Lack of programs offered to nontraditional audiences (women, Hispanic, urban, African-American, Millennial)
- Few intermediate to advanced workshops (retention)
- Family-focused programs
- Lack of instructors, coaches and mentors
- Lack of capacity
- Lack of reactivation efforts (marketing)

OPPORTUNITIES

- Partnering with hunting NGOs, stores, associations, organizations
- Connecting efforts internally and externally (partners and shooting sports)
- Targeting non-traditional audiences
- New marketing tactics
- Interest in "adventure" amongst millennials and 21-40 age group
- Hunter education volunteers needing things to do (mentors)
- Growing danger of exploding deer populations in urban areas
- Women slight growth in female hunter since 2012
- Loudoun County hunting growth (not in top 10 counties in VA)
- New social values as it relates to hunting (locavore)
- Shooting sports activities with hunting focus (NASP, YHEC, Explore Bowhunting)

- Confusing and complicated game laws
- 83% of hunters and anglers are white,
 80% are male (lack of diversity)
- 75% of hunters and anglers are age 45 or older (aging demos)
- Changing social and ethical views on hunting
- Urbanization and loss of access and habitat
- Aging volunteers and hunter ed instructors
- Negative public perception on hunting and firearms
- Many hunters hunt on private lands and do not need to buy a license
- Existing R3 strategies and programs do not span the complete customer journey/adoption model
- Lack of self-learning tools and resources

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STRENGTHS

- Annual fishing customers have remained relatively stable
- Non-resident angler licenses have increased (2012-2016)
- Online license system
- Fishing in the schools and trial workshops (Kids fishing days)
- Good fish stocking management

WEAKNESSES

- Lack of evaluation, measurable outcomes and strategy for R3 programs
- Lack of reactivation efforts
- Lack of fishing retention efforts (workshops, advanced trainings)
- Lack of programs offered to nontraditional audiences (women, Hispanic, urban, African-American, Millennial)
- Many kids-focused recruitment programs but not family-focused
- Lack of instructors, coaches and mentors

OPPORTUNITIES

- Partnerships with NGOs, clubs, associations and other organizations
- Outreach to non-traditional audiences
- New and improved marketing approach
- Rapidly growing Hispanic population
- Women slight growth in female anglers since 2012
- 75-80% of boaters are freshwater anglers
- Easier activity to get involved in and improve over a shorter period of time

- High churn rate
- 83% of hunters and anglers are white, 80% are male (Lack of diversity)
- 75% of hunters and anglers are age 45 or older (aging demos)
- Fishing access
- Confusing and complicated fishing regulations
- Existing R3 strategies and programs do not span the complete customer journey/adoption model
- Lack of self-learning tools and resources

Orange – Hunting Purple

Purple - Boating

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STRENGTHS

- Boating access (lakes, rivers, WMAs)
- Required boater safety education (tracking, customer follow-up)

WEAKNESSES

- No paddlesports recruitment/retention
- Capacity to host R3 events
- Narrow definition of a boater
- Lack of evaluation, measurable outcomes and strategy for R3 programs
- Little to no outreach in the paddlesports community
- Lack of instructors, coaches and mentors

OPPORTUNTIES

- Partnerships with NGOs, clubs, associations and other organizations
- Outreach to non-traditional audiences
- New and improved marketing approach
- Paddlesports popularity growth and access in VA (expanding definition of customer)
- Large potential audience especially among young adults
- Intuitive link to angling
- Partnership with VA Parks

- 82% of boaters are 45 or older (aging demos)
- Cost to own a boat
- DGIF not affiliated with paddlesports among public
- WMA access is typically limited to boats that are fishing

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STRENGTHS

- Number of WVs in VA is increasing and is still high
- Access (birding and wildlife trail)
- Festivals
- Habitat and education within schools and communities
- Access permit sales have increased since 2012

WEAKNESSES

- Lack of transactional interaction for WVs
- DGIF not perceived as advocate for wildlife watchers
- Lack of WV R3 programs (no recruitment or trial)
- Lack of evaluation, measurable outcomes and strategy for R3 programs
- Lack of reactivation efforts
- Lack of instructors, coaches and mentors

OPPORTUNITIES

- New transactional interactions with WVs (expanding definition of customer)
- Partnerships with NGOs, clubs, associations and other organizations
- Outreach to non-traditional audiences
- New and improved marketing approach
- 36% of Virginians participate in wildlife viewing.
- >50% of hunters and anglers also engaged in wildlife watching activities
- 70% of WVs call urban VA home
- Change the language
- Strong potential partners

- 70% of WVs are 45 or older (aging demos)
- Interests of WVs usually don't align with hunters
- Wildlife viewing differently due to funding (agency culture)
- Lack of awareness of DGIF'S conservation efforts that support wildlife viewing
- Access to DGIF controlled properties is limited (need access permit)
- Lack of self-learning tools

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STRENGTHS

- NASP
- Good firearms culture in VA (gun laws)
- Support from Director

WEAKNESSES

- Lack of shooting sports programs
- DGIF controlled shooting ranges
- Historic agency commitment to shooting sports
- Lack of evaluation, measurable outcomes and strategy for R3 programs
- Lack of instructors, coaches and mentors

OPPORTUNITIES

- Partnerships with NGOs, clubs, associations and other organizations
- Outreach to non-traditional audiences
- New and improved marketing approach
- Easier connections to hunting (decreased barrier) among participants
- Many levels and types of activities
- Easier skill development compared to other activities
- No age minimum

- Lack of connection to shooting community
- Negative public perception of firearms
- Lack of outdoor ranges
- Many facilities or clubs require membership (cost)
- Fear of firearms
- Lack of self-learning tools